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## PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and John F. Pikus, Special Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Division, announced today that a federal grand jury in Albany has returned a two count indictment against JAMES NASH, age 44, of Troy, New York.<sup>1</sup> The indictment was returned on June 2, 2010, and NASH appeared for arraignment on this Indictment on June 9, 2010.

Count 1 of the Indictment charges that on or between about October 8, 2008 and February, 2009, NASH knowingly received, and attempted to receive, child pornography. Count 2 of the Indictment charges that on or between about October 8, 2008 and February, 2009, NASH knowingly possessed, and attempted to possess, a laptop computer that contained images of child pornography. If convicted of Count 1, NASH faces a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum of five years of imprisonment. If convicted of Count 2, NASH faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment. He also faces a fine of up to \$250,000.00. NASH has been released pending his trial which is scheduled for August 10, 2010 in Binghamton, New York.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Capital Region Cyber Predator Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rick Belliss.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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